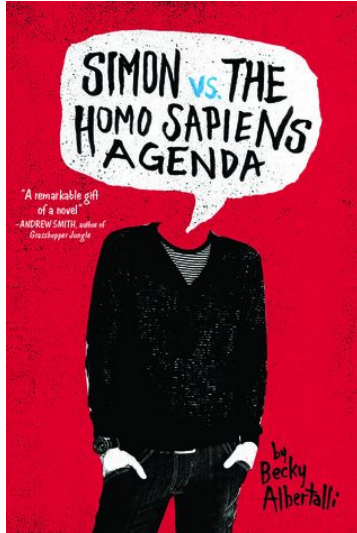


Love, Simon Is the Way to Go

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My Recommendation: See the Movie

Becky Albertalli's *Simon vs. The Homo Sapiens Agenda* is a great book, but *Love, Simon*, directed by Greg Berlanti, does a better job of telling Simon Spier's story and creating memorable characters. Whereas the book is a bit more mature (best for ages 16 and up), the movie is more enjoyable for almost all audiences (13 and up). Also, the movie updated some of the jokes in the book, like referencing current political events, which makes it funnier.

Summary: *Love, Simon* tells the story of high school senior Simon Spier. He is a pretty ordinary teen, but he's hiding a secret from his family: He's gay. When he sees an anonymous post online from another gay student, they begin exchanging emails, and Simon falls for him--hard. However, another student, Martin, soon discovers Simon's secret, and he threatens to out Simon to the whole school if Simon does not help set Martin up with a girl. Now, in addition to all the chaos of senior year, Simon must try to keep his secret safe, all while he continues to falls in love with an anonymous classmate he knows only as "Blue."

What the Critics Say:

"An unexpected delight in more ways than one."--Rex Reed, *New York Observer*

"*Love, Simon* is also a charmer--warm, often funny and gently touching."--Jon Frosch, *Hollywood Reporter*